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SUBJECT: INDIA WAIVER FOR AUXILIARY CUSTOMS DUTY

REFS: A. GENEVA 1721; B. NEW DELHI 3885

1. IN RESPONSE OUR PRIVATE INQUIRY TO INDIAN MISSION FOR CLARIFICATION OF COVERAGE OF AUXILIARY CUSTOMS DUTY BEING INCREASED FROM 10 PERCENT TO 15 PERCENT, INDIAN MISSION INFORMED US MARCH 22 ONLY TWO GATT-BOUND ITEMS ARE AFFECTED, NAMELY SYNTHETIC ABRASIVES FOR GRINDING WHEELS (ITC NUMBER EX 87) AND ALUMINA (EX 28).

2. RE PARA 2 REF B, ORIGINAL INDIAN ANNOUNCEMENT TO GATT IN JUNE 1973 (L/3874) SAID "GOI HAVE ALSO TEMPORARILY PROVIDED FOR AN AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS ON BOTH IMPORTED AND EXCISABLE (INDIGENOUS) GOODS AT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE GOODS." PERHAPS WHAT THIS SHOULD HAVE SAID WAS AUXILIARY CUSTOMS DUTY IS MATCHED BY AN INCREASED INTERNAL INDIAN TAX ON DOMESTIC PRODUCTS.

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POINT CHADHA HAS STRESSED TO US IS THAT GOI IS NOT

PLACING HEAVIER TAX BURDEN ONLY ON IMPORTS BUT DOMESTIC
GOODS AS WELL.DALE

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